

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 205

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Postal Service should issue a postage stamp commemorating Langston Hughes, a great American literary figure.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2001

Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. CLAY, Mr. SKELTON, Mrs. EMERSON, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. OWENS, Mr. HILLIARD, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, and Ms. MCKINNEY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Postal Service should issue a postage stamp commemorating Langston Hughes, a great American literary figure.

Whereas Langston Hughes was born in 1902 in Joplin, Missouri;

Whereas literary critics consider Langston Hughes one of the greatest American poets of the 20th century;

Whereas Langston Hughes' innovative use of blues and jazz rhythms to express his cultural heritage earned him recognition as the greatest African American poet;

Whereas in addition to poetry, Langston Hughes wrote novels, short stories, plays, opera lyrics, and books for children, and was the first African American to earn his living solely as a writer;

Whereas Langston Hughes was the central figure of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s, during which African American art, music, and literature first achieved national recognition;

Whereas Langston Hughes was an inspiration and mentor for many African American writers and continues to influence writers today;

Whereas Langston Hughes became one of the most powerful spokesmen against racism during the 20th century by utilizing passion and humor in his writings; and

Whereas the United States Postal Service has issued postage stamps commemorating other great American literary figures: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the United States Postal Service should
4 issue a postage stamp commemorating Langston
5 Hughes; and

6 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
7 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
8 such a postage stamp be issued.

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